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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Carmichael – Residents Find Bags with Printed Swastikas and 'Aryan Nation' Outside Homes

(U) Several residents in a Carmichael neighborhood found disturbing packages with a Nazi swastika outside their homes this week and a nearby school playground. Residents called dispatchers to report the bags they found in the Carmichael Colony neighborhood, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office announced in a news release yesterday. The FBI Sacramento Field Office launched local efforts as part of a nationwide FBI campaign to increase awareness of hate crimes and encourage victims and witnesses to report these crimes to law enforcement.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [The Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – CIA Director Creates High-Level Unit Focusing on China

(U) Washington – CIA Director William Burns is creating a high-level unit aimed at sharpening the agency's focus on China, at a time of tense relations between the world's two largest economies. No such high-level unit focusing explicitly on China had previously been set up by the agency. The new unit was one of several re-shuffles resulting from a broad review the agency launched last spring.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Hackers in SolarWinds Breach Stole US Sanctions Policy, Intelligence Probes

(U) Washington – The suspected Russian hackers who used SolarWinds and Microsoft software to burrow into US federal agencies emerged with information about counter-intelligence investigations, policy on sanctioning Russian individuals and the country's response to COVID-19. The hacks were widely publicized after their discovery late last year, and US officials have blamed Russia's SVR foreign intelligence service, which denies the activity.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – US to Tell Critical Rail, Air Companies to Report Hacks, Name Cyber Chiefs

(U) Washington – The Transportation Security Administration will introduce regulations that compel the most important US railroad and airport operators to improve their cybersecurity procedures. The upcoming changes will make it mandatory for "higher-risk" rail transit companies and "critical" US airport and aircraft operators to do three things: name a chief cyber official, disclose hacks to the government and draft recovery plans for if an attack were to occur.

SOURCE: 6 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Suspect in Custody after Four Injured in School Shooting

(U) Arlington – An 18-year-old suspect was taken into custody yesterday after four people were injured in a shooting at a Texas high school, authorities said. Three of the victims were hospitalized, with at least

one requiring surgery. The suspect, Timothy George Simpkins, initially fled the scene but later turned himself in without incident, officials said. Simpkins will be charged with three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, they said.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [CBS News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Report Indicates Climate Change Set to Worsen Resource Degradation, Conflict

(U) Kabul – A vicious cycle linking the depletion of natural resources with violent conflict may have gone past the point of no return in parts of the world and is likely to be exacerbated by climate change. Food insecurity, lack of water and the impact of natural disasters, combined with high population growth, are stoking conflict and displacing people in vulnerable areas, the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) think-tank reported today.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) India – Militants Kill Two School Teachers

(U) Srinagar – Suspected militants shot and killed two teachers in a government school in Indian Kashmir's main city of Srinagar today, the latest in a spate of targeted killings in the heavily militarized Himalayan region. Gunmen stormed into the Government Boys Higher Secondary School in Srinagar's Eidgah area and shot two teachers at close range. The victims were members of the region's minority Sikh and Hindu communities.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mali – Militants Kill at Least Nine Soldiers in Attack

(U) Koro – Islamist militants killed at least nine soldiers and wounded at least 11 more in central Mali yesterday, while local officials said the death toll was even higher. The attack involving an improvised explosive device occurred in the Mopti region, an epicenter of violence in Mali by insurgents linked to al-Qa'ida and ISIS. The soldiers returned fire, killing 15 militants.

SOURCE: 7 October 2021, [Devdiscourse](#)

(U) Saudi Arabia – Saudi-Led Coalition Intercepts Drone Attack on Airport

(U) Abha – The Saudi-led coalition fighting in Yemen said yesterday it intercepted an explosives-laden drone targeting Saudi Arabia's Abha international airport. The coalition said the drone's debris scattered, four workers at the airport were slightly injured, and the glass of some facades was shattered. The coalition blamed the Iran-aligned Houthis in Yemen for the attempted attack. The coalition also destroyed three explosives-laden boats in the Yemeni province of Hodeidah that had been readied for imminent attacks.

SOURCE: 6 October 2021, [Reuters](#)

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